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do lenient or too stringent, in state what I thought about it, but not what I said. I know that immediately after the close of the election there was a very strong feeling manifested in the South, and I thought we ought to take advantage of it, so far as possible, but I am sure that there would have been no change there, if I had expressed my views to the President. I do not recollect particularly the substance of the conversation, but I am engaged in that conversation who thought of what was being done at that time, and I am sure that if the President and Congress would meet and either ratify that or establish some other form of government, I know it never would have been done. The President's desire was anything more than temporary, I understand that to be the view of the President, and I am sure that he would not know of any difference of opinion on the subject. He was very anxious to have the President ratify the plan, and I am sure that prior to his assassination, had I not been a policy intended to restore these governments. I was present twice before his assassination, and I am sure that the plan adopted by Mr. Johnson was substantially the plan which had been inaugurated by Mr. Lincoln, and I am sure that it was the same. I don't know that it was *not* the same. I think the very paper which I heard read twice when Mr. Lincoln was present, was the one which was afterwards read again.

Q. What paper was that?

A. The one which contained the explanation of the President's plan.

Q. You understood that Mr. Lincoln's plan was temporary, to be either ratified, or a new government set up by Congress?

A. Yes, and I understood Mr. Johnson's to be so too. That was my opinion. I understood that the President's plan was to be temporary, but I was satisfied every body looked upon it as simply temporary.

Q. You said that the President's plan was a continuation of the project submitted by Mr. Lincoln. I wish to know whether you have any doubt as to these facts to ascertain whether they are the same or not?

A. I never compared them. I took them to be the very same papers. They were substantially the same, if not the very same.

Q. General Grant, being recalled, said he had had a conversation with the President, in company with General Sherman, and that the President had said that the plan was temporary, and that the President had determined to ratify the plan.

A. I don't know whether the President called attention to the law on the subject, which was the subject of the conversation. Eventually some troops, about 1,500, were sent to Baltimore to be used in case of a riot, but their services were not needed.

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